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1. Franks may be new British Ambassador to US--US Embassy
London reports "well-founded rumors" that Sir Oliver Franks will in the near future be appointed to replace Lord Inverchapel as UK Ambassador in Washington. (Franks, who is 42 years old, gave up an academic career in 1939 when he entered the Ministry of Supply, there rising rapidly to Permanent Secretary of the Ministries of Supply and Aircraft Production. More recently, he has been chief British representative on the Committee for European Economic Cooperation. He is reputed to be both an excellent scholar and an outstanding administrator.)
2. Dimitrov believed not to have lost Soviet esteem--US Ambassador Caffery reports that there are no signs in Paris that Dimitrov has been discredited as a result of the PRAVDA editorial disavowing his statement regarding a Balkan federation (see Daily Summary of 31 January, item 1). According to Caffery, qualified observers in Paris consider instead that the Bulgarian Premier is the victim of a sudden change in Kremlin tactics.

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